

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A gas cooktop comprising:
four gas burners arranged in a substantially rectangular shape;
a fifth gas burner substantially centrally positioned between said four burners,
with said fifth burner being substantially equal distant from each of said four burners;
and
a first grate extending over two of said four gas burners and a second grate
extending over another two of said four gas burners, said first grate comprising a
recessed portion and said second grate comprising a second recessed portion, said
fifth burner being positioned within a region defined between said first and second
recessed portions.
2. The cooktop of Claim 1, wherein each of said burners has a center, and the
center of said fifth burner is located approximately at an intersection of a first diagonal line
extending through said centers of two of said four burners and a second diagonal line
extending through said centers of another two of said four burners.
3. The cooktop of Claim 1 in combination with an oven positioned beneath the
cooktop.
4. The cooktop of Claim 1, wherein said cooktop has an overall width of about
30 inches.
5. The cooktop of Claim 1, wherein a height of said four burners above a top
surface of said cooktop and a height of said fifth burner above said top surface are
substantially the same.
6. The cooktop of Claim 5, wherein a height of said first grate above said top
surface and a height of said second grate above said top surface are substantially the same.
7. The cooktop of Claim 1 further comprising a third grate that is positioned
between said first grate and said second grate, said third grate comprising a portion that
generally circumscribes said fifth burner.
8. A gas appliance comprising:
a rectangular cooktop about 30 inches wide and about 24 inches deep;

said cooktop comprising four gas burners arranged in substantially a rectangular shape, said four gas burners having a generally consistent height above a top surface of said cooktop;

said cooktop further comprising a fifth gas burner centrally positioned between said four burners, with said fifth burner being substantially equal distant from each of the four burners and said fifth burner having height above said top surface substantially the same as said four burners; and

a first grate extending over two of said four gas burners, a second grate extending over another two of said four gas burners, said fifth burner being positioned between said first grate and said second grate, said first and second grate each defining a portion of a circle that circumscribes said fifth burner.

9. The cooktop of Claim 8 further comprising a third grate that is interposed between at least a portion of said first grate and said second grate, said third grate comprising at least on finger that extends over at least a portion of said fifth burner.

10. The cooktop of Claim 8 in combination with an oven positioned beneath the cooktop.

11. A gas cooktop comprising:

a top surface having a length and a width, four gas burners arranged along said top surface in a substantially rectangular shape such that a first and second side row of burners and a front and back row of burners is defined by said four gas burners;

a fifth gas burner being interposed between said first and second side rows of burners and said fifth gas burner also is interposed between said front and back rows of burners; and

a left grate section extending over said first side row of burners and a right grate section extending over said second side row of burners, said left grate section and said right grate section each comprising a laterally inset portion proximate said fifth gas burner.

12. The cooktop of Claim 11 in combination with an oven positioned beneath the cooktop.

13. The cooktop of Claim 11 further comprising a center grate section that is interposed between said left grate section and said right grate section.

14. The cooktop of Claim 11, wherein each of said left and right grate sections has a generally rectangular shape with an outer side wall, a front end wall, a rear end wall, and an inner side wall, said laterally inset portion being defined in said inner side wall as a concave recess.

15. The cooktop of Claim 14, wherein said inner side wall of each of said left and right grate sections further comprises a straight back portion and a straight front portion with said concave recess being disposed between said sections.

16. The cooktop of Claim 15, wherein each of said concave recesses defines an arc of approximately 135 degrees.

17. The cooktop of Claim 15 in combination with an oven positioned beneath the cooktop.

18. The cooktop of Claim 11, wherein a length of said top surface of said cooktop is about 24 inches and a width of said top surface of said cooktop is about 30 inches.